

(THE  
Bishop's Residence House)

→ "Riverside"

Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of New Jersey

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Bishop's Residence  
"Riverside"  
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: Diocese of New Jersey

Date of Erection: 1839

Architect: John Notman

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half stories with a  
three and a half story tower

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick stuccoed

Interior walls - plaster and  
panel

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - hip and gable

Historical Data:

"Riverside" was built in 1839 under the direction of Bishop Doane who was the first occupant. It did not become the official Episcopal residence until 1860. Mills says that on July 17, 1860 the "Trustees of Burlington College, assembled at Burlington, having under consideration a deed of trust, whereby the residence on Green Bank, Burlington, known as Riverside, with a suitable curtilage was secured forever as a residence of the Bishop of the Diocese".

The structure was built from plans drawn by John Notman. There are several unusual features, notably the paneling in the library and its gothic arched ceiling. The cast iron balustrade of the main entrance stair is unique.

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